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1. Chronotechna in Jablonec nad Nisou produces alarm clocks, clocks of all kinds and phonographs with clockwork movements. In November 1952, this plant commenced production of time fuses for artillery ammunition and aerial bombs.
2. In the month of November only a trial series of the latter items was produced. In charge of this project were three engineers from Chronotechna at Sternberk<sup>1</sup>, which plant also manufactures clocks and alarm clocks but concentrates on clockwork mechanisms of all kinds for military purposes.
3. About a week after the test series was produced, the plant was visited by three officers from the Ministry of National Defense.
4. Chronotechna, Jablonec nad Nisou, also produces automatic machinery (sic). The press room and the department of automatic machinery both work two shifts per day; the assembly shop only works one shift.
5. Only 70% of the plan was fulfilled,<sup>2</sup> although the plant had enough material and good machinery to fulfill it by 100%. The reason for this underfulfillment was bad organization and lack of qualified foremen and personnel. In 1952, the plant was twice inspected by an inspection commission from the Ministry of General Engineering, but no improvement was achieved. Chronotechna had such an abundance of material that neighboring plants often came to borrow. Included among these were PAL, Jablonec, which manufactures brakes for buses; Plastimat, Jablonec, which manufactures combs and fancy goods; and the Gramophone Works of Jablonec, which manufactures electric phonographs.
6. The following are important personnel at the Chronotechna factory in Jablonec nad Nisou:

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- a. Miroslav Pesek, manager [REDACTED]
- b. Josef Jansa, assistant manager [REDACTED]
- c. Hruby (fnu). plant manager [REDACTED]
- d. Frantisek Burianek, head of the plant militia, [REDACTED]

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Comments:

2. Possibly the production plan for 1952 is meant.

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